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TO : Chief, Lincoln

DATE: APR 29, 1954

FROM : Chief of Station, Guatemala

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Washington

SUBJECT: GENERAL—

Kugown Operational Report

SPECIFIC—

1. Encl. 1, 2 and 3 deal with the "32" campaign. Highlights were cabled to Lincoln with the exception of the report that [] and a third car (Encl. 3) were seized by the police. In compliance with your instructions Razmara is taking appropriate steps to provide legal and financial assistance.
2. Encl. 4, 5 and 6 relate to security matters and efforts to get Essence to go underground. We discouraged the use of [] because he had previously, in the earliest stages of the Essence operation, demonstrated a lack of courage and dedication to the cause. Donald O. Hediger can brief you on [] We have requested a clarification of the conflicting statements contained in paras. 1 and 3 of Encl. 5. At this time we cannot definitely state whether or not Essence has found someone to act as a cut-out between members of the black group and himself. Naturally we will advise you soonest when the matter is decided.
3. The report about the attack on Radio Internacional (Encl. 7) was previously called to your attention in brief form (GUAT 396). We subsequently asked for special support in playing this matter up in EL REBELDE (GUAT 416). If you have not already done so, it is recommended that this matter be publicized through all outside media as an example of brutal suppression of the freedoms claimed by the government to exist in Guatemala.

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
RELEASE AS SANITIZED

George L. Tranger []

Encl.--as noted

29 April 1954

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FORM NO. 51-28A
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23 April 1954

SUBJECT: Meeting Between CARTER and ALBERTO

1. A meeting occurred between Oscar H. CARTER and ALBERTO on Thursday, 22 April.
2. Again discussing the danger to CARTER as a result of the "32" activities of Tuesday night, as well as the feasibility of CARTER going into hiding - CARTER states that inasmuch as they did not arrest him at the time the police seized his car would indicate they either do not know his identity, or are trying to force his hand into exactly some such move as seeking cover and thereby indicating some sort of complicity.
3. CARTER's car is not registered in his name - yesterday a lawyer was going to visit the police to report a missing car and to find out if there are any police charges in connection with the car, or whether the police are going to deny any knowledge of the whereabouts of the car.
4. The police as of the meeting yesterday, had made no effort to arrest CARTER at his home, nor had they even put in an appearance near his home.
5. The next meeting between CARTER and ALBERTO is scheduled for Friday, 23 April.

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ALBERTO

Encl #1

23 April 1954

1. CARTER and his group returned to the work of painting "32's", on Wednesday night. They used different cars and acted in different parts of the city from the previous night. CARTER states this was done in the hopes that the police would believe the participants were much more numerous, and that it was a different group from the preceeding night.

2. The group suffered no losses on Wednesday.

3. At the present time, reports indicate that some nine persons involved throughout the country in putting up "32's", have been arrested, including one ("Chuco" Silva Asturias - works at AGA) here in the capital. The police are basing the arrests on such charges as delito contra el ornato, operating without licenses, etc. In Silva's case, it is believed that the police have him charged with changing his license number - which the police themselves did.

4. CARTER reports that the "32" campaign is now bringing results - everyone is talking about it, including the newspaper reporters.

5. CARTER has been informed that in view of the fact that the painting continued Wednesday night, the official parties on Thursday formed "shock" groups to attack anyone they encounter painting "32's".

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Encl 2

per correction
Roberto
Silva
August

23 April 1954

1. Those participating in the "32" campaign were out again last night (Thursday). It is now felt that their activities will have to be curtailed somewhat, less organized, no more use of automobiles, because of the heavy opposition they are encountering.

2. The police have picked up another prisoner here in the capital - connected with the campaign - He is **E** ~~_____~~, 13th Calle, near the Escuela de Medicina. His car was also seized. This makes three automobiles that the police have captured in this campaign in the capital.

3. The police deny all knowledge of the whereabouts of CARTER's car.

4. Nor are they giving out any information on the prisoners.

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End 3

23 April 1954

1. CARTER planned on making a final effort on Thursday to see and convince Carlos Díaz Durán to be his lieutenant between himself and the black propaganda group. CARTER states that if CDD refuses, he (CARTER) for the moment at least, is completely without prospects, having exhausted the others.

2. CARTER now appears more willing to carry out his work by directing the white propaganda through Martínez, del Rosal, and the black through whomever he succeeds in getting. However, CARTER states it is extremely difficult to keep these fellows working, or doing their jobs well, unless he is constantly on top of them, and willing himself to take a few risks.

3. The sketch below is the present black set-up:

CARTER

<u>Jorge Córdova</u>	<u>Polo Bolaños</u>	<u>Carlos Cardona</u>	<u>Armando Rivera</u>
Sur	Oriente, Capital	Oriente, Noreste	Capital

S. Sierra

Pto. Barrios,
Norte

4. Carlos Cardona lives on the 17 C. P., known by
[] or by Jorge Cordova.

5.]

End 4

23 April 1954

1. CARTER reports that [redacted] around 40 years of age, employed at CIDEA, and who lives at the [redacted] has accepted the responsibility of working with CARTER, and thereby enabling CARTER to stay more in the back-ground, with less risk to his security.]

2. This man enjoys "plena confianza" on the part of CARTER, is active, and his work permits the arrival of many persons, as well as providing FNA with complete freedom to leave the CIDEA at any time of the day he wishes.

3. Another person under consideration by CARTER for acting as a buffer between CARTER and the others is [redacted] (aka the [redacted])

[redacted]
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End 5

23 April 1954

SUBJECT: Meetings Between CARTER and ALBERTO

1. Two meetings have occurred between Oscar H. CARTER and ALBERTO today, Friday, 23 April.

2. CARTER states that security measures taken by him to date consist of: meetings in theaters, automobiles, places ~~where~~ crowds are to be found, - but staying away from meetings at the homes of any of the persons involved in the group activities, - always arranging at the current meeting for the future meeting, trying to keep his contacts limited to those in whom he has the most confidence (not always possible).

3. CARTER indicated to ALBERTO at today's meeting that he is willing to take steps to go partially, at least, under cover. This will possibly result in a slowing down, or limiting, of his work, but he will do his best to avoid any such results.

4. CARTER's hesitancy to go under cover is explained by the great difficulty he has had to date in encountering anyone both capable and willing to expose himself to the risks involved in this work, as well as being willing to take the great amount of time and trouble necessary in participating in these activities. It is a risk for these fellows to take part in anything but the most innocent activities, in view of the heavy police control, as well as the punishment to be expected if they are arrested. It is difficult to persuade these middle-class and poor boys and men to accept the risks, loss of time, and freedom, involved in the participation, at least in a leading role, in these activities; when among the rich, those who have the most to lose under the Communists and the most to gain with a revolution, it is next to impossible to persuade persons to even donate a dollar to the anti-Communist campaign.

End 6

5. In view of the office's past experience (disappointing) with Carlos Díaz Durán, CARTER states that he will discard the idea of using him as a lieutenant. He will see if Polo Bolaños (or someone else) can not be a more likely prospect, if in no other matters than serving as buffer between CARTER and the others in the black group.

6. The next meeting scheduled between CARTER and ALBERTO is for later on today, in the evening.

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ALBERTO

23 April 1954

1. The publicity in the newspapers concerning the Radio Internacional incident is in great part due to CARTER, who saw to it that the newspapers were informed of the event, and reporters taken to the scene of the destruction.

2. Reportedly the cause of the attack is the anti-Communist programs broadcast over that station.

3. The radio technician at the Guardia Civil has informed the group that the assaultants were from the GC - and that he, the radio technician, had instructed them before they left, in what parts of the station equipment should be destroyed.

4. The Colegio de Abogados is having a meeting to consider their attitude in the matter. The locatarias of the markets are also expected to make an issue of the event.

5. A campaign is getting underway to raise funds to repair the station, and three technicians have been gotten together by the group to start immediate repair work, with the hope that the station can be gotten back into operation as quickly as possible.

6. Several diputados have been spoken to with the desire that they make issue of it in congress.

7. Reports have been given to be sent out to the exterior.

8. CARTER reported at meeting at mid-day that it is possible the radio station will be back on the air sometime today.

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End 7